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Applicant : Kumar et al.

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

A Notice of Appeal was filed on May 30, 2000. In an attempt to advance prosecution of this matter, Applicants request consideration of the following remarks. In considering these remarks, please also consider the Amendments filed on May 1, 2000.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-22 remain for consideration. Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended to their undersigned representative in a phone interview on June 6, 2000. In the phone interview Applicants discussed differences between the prior art references and the present claimed invention. The Examiner agreed that patentability would follow if Applicants presented convincing evidence that none of the cited references